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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Group Art Unit: 2834

For: LINEAR POSITION TRANSDUCER
WITH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
WINDINGS AND A MOVABLE
INDUCTION COUPLING ELEMENT

Examiner: P. Cuevas

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, and wish to submit the following comments.

The Examiner begins the statement with a discussion of the teachings provided in the Schmidt and Bettel references (of record). Applicants wish to note that the Schmidt and Bettel references were discussed by the Applicants in an Amendment filed on December 19, 2002. Applicants do not acquiesce with any characterization of the Schmidt and Bettel references beyond the discussion in the December 19, 2002 Amendment.

Further, the Examiner states that the "prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach the construction of a linear inductive transducer as disclosed by

independent claims 1 and 8, having first and second components, indicative of the mutual position between the magnetic core and the primary windings and the secondary windings, respectively.” Applicants wish to point out that the “first and second components” are not recited in claim 8. Also, claims 1 and 8 recite other elements which, in combination with the above-recited limitations, render the claims patentable over the prior art. Otherwise, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach the construction recited in claims 1 and 8.

The Examiner also states that “[d]ependent claims 2-7 and 9-14 are considered allowable by their respective dependence on allowed independent claims 1 and 8.” Applicants wish to note that dependent claim 2-7 and 9-14 also recite unique elements which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims allowable.

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